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SUBJECT: SAHARA DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

REF A. RABAT 5286, B. PARIS 28734, C. DAKAR 6651

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI TOLD AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 6 THAT
PURPOSE OF SENGHOR'S STOP-OVER IN MOROCCO SEPTEMBER 29 WAS NOT
RPT NOT MEDIATION OF SAHARA DISPUTE. SENGHOR WAS SERIOUSLY
CONCERNED OVER DETERIORATING SITUATION IN NORTHWESTERN AFRICA,
ESPECIALLY MAURITANIA, AND HAD REQUESTED THAT KING HASSAN
PROVIDE INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MAURITANIA. (THIS HAD
ALSO BEEN FOCUS OF OULD DADDAH'S SEPTEMBER 20-21 VISIT TO
MOROCCO.) SENGHOR HAD COMMENTED TO LARAKI ON DEPARTURE THAT HE
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FELT REASSURED BY WHAT KING HASSAN HAD TOLD HIM. TWO MOROCCAN
EMISSAIRES HAD SEEN SENGHOR IN DAKAR ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND HAD
ALSO BEEN TOLD OF HIS HOPE THAT MOROCCO WOULD IMPROVE THE
SITUATION IN MAURITANIA, WHICH SENGHOR VIEWED AS HAVING DIRECT
IMPACT ON SENEGALESE SECURITY, ESPECIALLY WITH GUINEA AND
GUINEA-BISSAU ON SOUTHERN FLANK.

2. LARAKI COMMENTED THAT ADDITIONAL REASON SENGHOR HAD BECOME AGITATED OVER ALGERIAN INTENTIONS TO DESTABILIZE AREA WAS SENEGALESE APPREHENSION OF 23 OR 24 PERSONS RECRUITED IN DAKAR FOR POLISARIO BY ALGERIAN EMBASSY. SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES HAD STOPPED TRAIN ON WAY TO MALI TO ARREST THEM, AND INTENDED TO PROSECUTE.

3. RE BOUMEDIENE MESSAGE CONVEYED TO SENGHOR IN PARIS (REF A, PARA 3), LARAKI SAID THAT SENGHOR HAD SUBSEQUENTLY SENT AN EMISSARY TO ALGIERS TO HEAR ANY PROPOSALS BOUMEDIENE MIGHT HAVE. EMISSARY HAD RECEIVED NOTHING FURTHER, NOR HAD THERE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN ANY ALGERIAN FOLLOW-UP. LARAKI NOTED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF INDICATION BOUMEDIENE PREPARED TO PUT FORWARD ANY NEW IDEAS, SENGHOR THEREFORE CONSIDERED THAT RENEWED MEDIATION EFFORT BY HIM WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. ON FAHD'S PRIVATE TWO-WEEK VISIT TO MOROCCO, WHICH ENDED OCT. 5, SAUDI AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT FAHD HAD NOT SEEN OULD DADDAH IN MOROCCO, AND THAT THERE WAS NO SAUDI MEDIATION EFFORT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
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